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TAGS: EAGR, TGEN, US

SUBJECT: QUARANTINE RESTRICTION ON COOKED POULTRY IMPORTS

REF: STATE 077876

1. CONTENTS DELIVERED BY DIPLOMATIC NOTE NO. 51

4/19/74. REPLY 827/1 DATED JUNE 5, 1974 RECEIVED

JUNE 10, 1974. TEXT REPLY AS FOLLOWS:

AUSTRALIAN QUARANTINE LEGISLATION REQUIRES THAT MEAT IMPORTED FROM ALL COUNTRIES EXCEPT NEW ZEALAND MUST BE HEATED TO AT LEAST 100 DEGREES CENTIGRADE IN HERMETICALLY SEALED CANS, AND IT IS CONSIDERED THAT ONLY THIS HEAT TREATMENT CAN BE RELIED UPON, WITH ANY CERTAINTY, TO PREVENT IMPORTED MEAT FROM INTRODUCING EXOTIC ANIMAL DISEASE. THE PRODUCTS IN QUESTION DO NOT CONFIRM TO ABOVE REQUIREMENTS. IN ADDITION, THEY REQUIRE REFRIGERATION AND AS SUCH I.E. AS NON STERILE PRODUCTS, THEY MUST INESCAPABLY BE REGARDED AS QUARANTINE RISK. THE DEPARTMENT WISHES TO ADVISE THAT, IN THESE CIRCUMSTANCES IT IS NOT INTENDED TO AMEND QUARANTINE LEGISLATION TO PERMIT THE IMPORTATION OF THE PRODUCTS IN QUESTION.

2. XEROX COPY OF DOCUMENT WILL BE FORWARDED.

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3. EMBASSY COMMENT: THE BLUNTNESS OF THIS NOTE IS

CONSISTENT WITH THE ATTITUDE THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH HAS TAKEN IN EACH OF THE APPROACHES MADE STARTING WITH THE AGATTACHE TWO YEARS AGO, THEN THE DIRECTOR OF THE DAIRY AND POULTRY DIVISION, FAS, LAST YEAR ACCOMPANIED BY US POULTRY INDUSTRY REPRESENTATIVE AND FINALLY TO RICHARD GOODMAN, ASSOCIATE ADMINISTRATOR, FAS, THIS YEAR ACCOMPANIED BY DR. HY STEINMETZ, APHIS/USDA. IN LAST APPROACH NOTED ABOVE GOODMAN AND STEINMETZ ADVISED AT DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH THAT AUSTRALIAN POULTRY WOULD STRONGLY OPPOSE ANY INTRODUCTION OF US POULTRY PRODUCTS NOT MEETING PRESENT QUARANTINE STANDARDS. AGATTACHE ADDRESSED GENERAL MANAGEMENT CLUB OF AUSTRALIA JUNE 10, WHICH INCLUDED MANAGERS OF COMPANIES HAVING SHARE OF STEGGLES AND INGHAM POULTRY COMPANIES. MANAGERS CLAIM THEIR SIZE AND COMPETENCE COULD PRODUCE ANY CONCEIVABLE VOLUME OF WHATEVER POULTRY PRODUCT WE MAY WANT TO IMPORT, AND MAKING IMPORT DIRECTLY COMPETITIVE AND WOULD FIGHT TO PREVENT IMPORT. UNDER THESE CONDITIONS WE DO NOT BELIEVE THAT THIS ISSUE IS NEGOTIABLE AT THIS TIME, AND SEE NO BASIS FOR FURTHER ACTION. PRESUMABLY MATTER CAN BE RE-EXAMINED IN CONNECTION WITH MTN AT LATER DATE.

4. EMBASSY REQUESTS INSTRUCTIONS RE ANY FURTHER STEPS DESIRED BY DEPARTMENT AT THIS TIME.  
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